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Defenders' Song, "Faith of Our Fathers"

This is one of the strongest Defenders ever printed. Read every page.

Defenders' Motto, "Back To The Bible"

Answering a Kansas Judge in the Matter of Evolution

By D. J. Roberts, Peabody, Kansas

(Editor's Note: Herein Mr. Roberts, a Methodist layman of mature thought, does a noble thing in answering former Chief Justice Doster's recent public defense of that vicious atheistic philosophy called "Evolution." On the matter of the Genesis use of the word "Day" Mr. Roberts expresses, in graphic style, the views held by one school of scientists and Bible students. His admonition to professing Christians is also very much needed.)

A letter in opposition to the Sunday Labor Law, dated June 25th, appearing a day or two later in the Topeka Capital, made certain statements that I think merit attention because of the authority of the writer, Judge Frank Doster, formerly Chief Justice of Kansas.

It said that the conception of the seventh as a holy day and day of rest, was founded upon certain texts in Genesis and Exodus; and that Sabbath observation had no sanction whatever except that of the Scriptural fable of a six day special creation about six thousand years ago.

The following assertions were then made, upon which I desire to offer a few remarks:

1. If the universe is a product of evolutionary growth, and not the six days handiwork of a special Artisan, the command to abstain from labor on that day has no religious justification at all.

2. There is not a reputable scientist in the world who teaches the six days creation or believes it.

3. There is not one of them but believes and teaches the growth of the universe and all things in it, from low forms of life too far back in time to be within the realm of man.

I cannot suppose that the Judge intended to say what his words actually state, that the material universe grew from low forms of life, so I pass on to notice what he said about preachers;

1. There is not a minister who values his standing among intelligent people who would preach a sermon in assertion of the story of a literal six days creation. He would no more

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The Coming Financial Octopus

By Gerald B. Winrod

One day recently The New York Daily American spread the following headline in blazing letters across its front page: **WORLD BANK ACTS TO SAVE GERMANY.** The attention of the civilized world has been focused, of late, upon the Bank of International Settlements located in Basel, Switzerland. The picture of its president, Mr. Gates W. McGarrah, has appeared in newspapers everywhere. It has suddenly dawned upon world sentiment what a powerful force the World Bank has become though less than two years old.

Not long ago The Chicago Tribune said that the time would come when this powerful institution would be strong enough to make or break any nation in the world, any time. Powerful demon intelligences are at work behind the scenes in the present catastrophic period, as outlined in the article "World Problems" which appeared in Defender magazine columns recently, (available in tract form).

Demon Intelligences

In Ephesians 6:12, Paul refers to "principalities" "powers" "rulers of the darkness of this world" and "spiritual wickedness in high places." There is an outer mask of material things, but the life sources are behind, in the unseen. "Things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Hebrews 11:3. **Unregenerate men are but chessmen on the board, moved about by unseen hands.** They are driven by forces to make decisions which they themselves do not understand. There is much to be learned about unseen intelligences. This is a lost continent which few have explored. The world of reality is the realm of the invisible. It is interesting to see statesmen and nations often taking themselves very seriously in working out plans and preparing formulae, when their decisions are already made known in advance according to predicted Bible facts. So it is with the World Bank. I recognized it as soon as I saw it. I had seen it portrayed in prophecy; we have known for a long time that a great, gigantic system of world

finance had to come. I believe that it is now in process of creation.

A Modern Golden Calf

Another golden calf will soon be set up. Moses tarried in the mountain communing with God. The Israelites demanded a molten calf. It was a hideous practice carried over from Egypt, to which they reverted. The Egyptians worshipped the Mnevis bull. Aaron erected the calf from gold provided by the children of Israel. Moses was over come with grief when he came down from the mount and saw how idol-worship had swept the camp. He melted the image in fire and utterly destroyed it. Likewise, in the end of this age, a golden image of world finance is to be set up. And like the calf of Moses' day, it is certain to crumble eventually.

World-Wide Change

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Gerald B. Winrod



CHINA has an organization devoted to human betterment called the Moral Endeavor Association. It recently issued Ten Commandments over the endorsement of idealistic, slim, shrill President Chiang Kai-shek. Here they are, "Thou shalt not covet rifles; Thou shalt not fear to die; Thou shalt not ostentatiously show thyself; Thou shalt not be proud; Thou shalt not be lazy; Thou shalt not commit adultery or gamble; Thou shalt not smoke; Thou shalt not borrow money; Thou shalt not drink wine; Thou shalt not lie."

DRAMA invariably plays an important part in launching a new religion. This is true in Persia's "BAHAI" which is getting started in the United States, with headquarters in Wilmette, Illinois, (near Chicago). With centers in 65 cities it recently commemorated the killing of one of its prophets, Mirza Ali Mohammad, who was stoned for his convictions, 81 years ago in Tabriz, Persia. Soon after his death, a man by the name of Baha'u'llah founded the new sect. More than 20,000 followers were martyred in getting the cult started. Some of its members include King Zog of Albania, Count Ilya Tolstoy, son of the late Russian novelist, and Queen Marie of Rumania. Phenomena-hunting, thrill-seeking America is responding to the propaganda of this eastern religion as might be expected, considering our low ebb of our spiritual life.

THE LATEST LIBERTY taken by the jazz age is stated in a Chicago newspaper headline, "May Wed in Pajamas Now." Sodom had nothing on us!

THE KWANGO DISTRICT of the Belgian Congo has a Devil-worshipping tribe called the "Sons of Satan." A witch-doctor recently announced that on a certain day, Satan would come in person, bringing money, food and clothing. When he failed to arrive, a rebellion broke out during which time a white man was seized, killed and eaten.

ITALY has produced a type of high speed army airplane capable of traveling 400 miles per hour.

AWAY YONDER in South India and Ceylon, forty missionaries are at work under the Ceylon and India General Mission — a faith enterprise. They have fourteen stations and fifty out-stations. From Rev. H. V. Andrews, 1445 W. 93rd St., Chicago, a news "Bulletin" may be had for the asking.

FARMER PHILOSOPHER SAYS, "Some of these gossiping Christians just won't quit talking until they wear their tongues off back to their tonsils."

IN 1927 "The World Conference on Faith and Order" was held in Lausanne, Switzerland. Bishop Charles Henry Brent of New York was largely responsible for the gath-

ering. Orthodox, Anglican and practically all denominations participated. In 1929, on a return visit to Lausanne, Bishop Brent died dramatically and was buried there. The assembly was a long step toward the creation of that one great apostate religious federation predicted in the Bible. Church leaders every where have made a recent stir indicating their determination "to go forward along the path pointed by Bishop Brent."

MR. C. T. STUDD, founder of the "Heart of Africa Mission" went to his heavenly reward in July. The story of his departure and much other interesting missionary material appears in the September "Light and Life" magazine; a free sample copy may be received from Rev. W. F. Roadhouse, 187 Keele Street, Toronto, Canada. Missionary statesman Roadhouse represents the great African Mission in America.

DO YOU KNOW that when Jesus Christ fainted under the Cross, it was a negro who carried the beam up Golgotha's hill? Read the illuminating article in this *Defender* by Missionary Titus Johnson.

FOR ONCE Mussolini got his ears pulled. The occasion was his recent birthday when two little Mussolinis, ages two and four, tweaked his ears 48 times. Birthday, ear-tweaking is an old Italian custom.

FASCIST HITLER has hopes of seeing Germany delivered into his hands. Said he during the recent financial upheaval, "Never in my life have I been in such high spirits." Einstein says Hitler is living on Germany's empty stomach.

CAN YOU pronounce this, Chaugogagog-manchaugagoghcheaubunagungamaug? This is the Indian name of a lake in Massachusetts. It means, "You fish your side, I fish my side, nobody fish the middle." Massachusetts folk have dispensed with all except the last six syllables.

"THE LIVING CHURCH" is the name of an Episcopal weekly with 8,700 circulation. It is \$9,000 in debt according to press reports. In an attempt to keep alive it is asking for a \$250,000 endowment.

JOSEF VISSARIONOVITCH DZHUGASHVILI is the real name of Russia's iron dictator Stalin. Lenin dubbed him Stalin, meaning Steel, and the title has remained. Said his gray-haired mother to a newspaper reporter recently, "Soso was always a good boy." Asked the reporter, "Excuse me — who is Soso?" "Why Soso is our Georgian pet name for Josef. I wanted him to be a priest." Today, Stalin is devoted to the task of exterminating religion of every kind. The reporter asked, "Are you still religious?" She answered, "Well — I'm afraid — I'm afraid I'm not as religious as I used to be. My son has told me so much."

PRESIDENT HOOVER has officially received Honduran Minister Davila to the United States. He will have to be careful not to confuse him with Ambassador Davila of Chile, Minister Davila of Rumania, Official Davila of Venezuela, Resident Commissioner Davila of Porto Rico.

"CALOPTENUS SPRETUS" is the scientific name for grasshopper. Springing hot from the soil they proved to be an awful plague during the past summer. In one week they ravaged 55,000 square miles of Utah, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska farmland. They stripped wheat and corn fields, devoured sugar beets and left orchards looking like skeletons. Farmers fought. Some doused 'hoppers with oil, dumping them in piles for burning. Others rigged up wire nets from their cars charged by storage batteries. Utah offered 1c per pound for 'hoppers dead or alive. One farmer harvested 120 bushels. Near Pierre, South Dakota, a farmer sent his turkeys out to devour them; turkeys came back, feathers eaten off. Another farmer fed 'hoppers poison; his chickens ate 'hoppers and died.

IN EPIGRAMMATICAL STYLE, Dean Sholin, of Oswald J. Smith's Bible School, in Spain tells us the story this month, of the recent Spanish revolution, from first-hand contact.

THE LATEST scholastic bunk comes from the Jervois Mountains in southern Australia. A skull, named "the Jervois Skull," has been found. According to scientist Mackenzie of Canberra, it belonged to a female, half ape and half human, powerful neck, slouchy walk, nimble hands, braided twigs, juttied jaws, small brain, could grunt, squeal, gabble, etc., etc. All of which reminds us of an elephant knee-cap which scientists mistook for a human skull a few years ago.

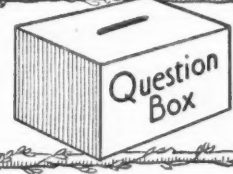
ENGLAND'S ECCENTRIC George Bernard Shaw says, "The world has long made peace with the Jews, but the Jews won't make peace with the world. I understand the Jew better than many others because I am an Irishman."

GOAL	10,000
SEPT.	1,227
Needed	8,773

NOTE: "The 10,000 Campaign" is getting started. The objective is 10,000 new DEFENDER subscribers between September 1 and December 31. See page 7.



GOUTHNEY'S FORUM



"I am a man forty years of age, was recently converted and now feel the urge to do something for God. In fact I feel called to preach. My friends are inclined to discourage me. They say I am too old. What would you advise me to do?"

If you "feel called of God" I would advise you to follow the urge of your heart. God is probably better qualified to judge your ability and fitness than your friends. Forty is not old. In fact it is the age when most great men begun.

The Protestant Reformation was led by men whose average age was thirty-eight.

The Puritan Revolution was led by men whose average age was forty-two.

The American Revolution was led by men whose average age was a little under forty.

The Anti-Slavery Cause was led by men whose average age was forty-one.

Socrates, having a taste for music, found no time to cultivate the taste until he was almost twice forty, but became quite proficient on several instruments before his death.

Plutarch, when between seventy and eighty, began to see his need of a knowledge of Latin, took up the study, and became a Latin scholar before his death.

Cato, at eighty began his study of Greek, and mastered the language before the close of his life.

Colbent, the famous Frenchman, became aware of his need of Latin, and a better understanding of law at about sixty years of age and undertook the study of both.

Sir Henry Spelman began his serious study of science between fifty and sixty and became one of the best antiquarians of his day.

Ludorico at the age of one hundred and fifteen began, and lived to finish, the best writing of his life.

Ogilby was almost without knowledge of Latin and Greek at fifty years of age; undertook the study, and before his death gave the world one of the best translations of Homer and Virgil.

Dryden at sixty-eight gave the world a very fine translation of the Iliad, and so it goes almost endlessly. Just where we get the idea that men are old at forty I do not know.

Our age seems to have gone crazy on this youth business, and as a result we have relegated our ma-

ture minds to the scrap pile and replaced them with an army of beardless youths who have nothing to recommend them but a B. A. degree and a lot of new fangled notions which are about as well adapted to the needs of men as a study of Latin is to the cultivation of strawberries. Especially has the church played the fool in this particular. Only can years do some things for men. Knowing this we should be a bit more careful how we replace gray hairs with twenty-five year olds who for the next twenty years will bungle and blunder until experience has qualified them for constructive work.

Too old at forty! Nonsense, man! You are just at the point when you are ready to start to commence to get ready to begin! Spit on your hands, gird up your loins, study and pray and take hold of your task!

"When you come to the place
In the finishing race
Of Life's tournament bout,
Don't give up the goal
Because you are old,
Or wait to be counted out.
Don't die 'till you're dead,

But keep pressing ahead,
There's no such thing as fail;
For it's only a bend
Many miles from the end—
Don't stop at a turn in the trail."

"I have always thought of the sixteenth chapter of Luke as a literal description of the punishment of the finally impenitent. Recently a friend argued with me that the chapter is a parable and not a reality. What do you think?"

And just what does your friend seek to prove? A parable is a figure of speech employed to portray a reality the import of which is beyond the reach of ordinary language. The word is from the Greek *para*—beside, *bole*—a putting. A parable then, is putting a figure of speech beside a reality for the purpose of revealing the reality. Hell is either what the sixteenth chapter of Luke says it is or something worse.

"Was Jesus God or man?"

Jesus was both—very man and very God. Or a better putting of my answer would be: He was man, and He is God. If you have neither time nor taste for a labored discussion of this question, and yet desire a comprehensive answer to your question, may I suggest that you read a little booklet written by a man whom I know very well by the name of A. P. Gouthey, called, "Jesus Christ, Was He man, or Is He God?" which may be purchased from "The Better Book Room," Wichita, Kansas.

A SMILE A MONTH

I notice by the papers that sheep raising is on the decline. One reason for this may be that while years ago it took two sheep to furnish the wool necessary to clothe a woman it now requires only one silk worm.

The worst bankrupt in the world is the person who has lost enthusiasm.

Little men whine because they have no opportunities; big men make them.

CANDY to the amount of 1,335,617,903 pounds was consumed in this country in the past year. This is only a decrease of two per cent from the prosperity year of 1929. This is a little over a pound a month for each person.

Climb Higher and You Can See Out

We were making our uncertain way through a deep dark forest of fir and cedar such as is characteristic of the Northwest. We were in search of nothing in particular except whatever secret beauty nature might have hidden in the sequestered fastness of this vast almost unexplored region. Exceedingly wise in the ways of the woods Andy, my guide, struck out through the unbroken forest with an assurance born of long experience. With long, easy strides he pushed ahead deeper and deeper into the shadow-haunted stillness. We were hemmed in by giant trees, and though it was mid-day the light was uncertain for the sun was hidden in a gray veil of clouds. Already we were too far from camp (so I thought) to make our way back before dark, and to continue to go on seemed to me to be inviting unnecessary danger. I began to feel a bit uneasy. "Andy," I called, "we are lost."

"Lost? Did 'uh ever know me to be lost? Why man, I know these woods better 'n you know your own yard. And besides, 'uh ain't never lost until 'uh begin to admit it. Climb that hill yonder and you'll see a dozen landmarks 'uh know. When you git to the top you'll see Liberty Peak to the right, and then turn around and look in to 'her direction and over the top of Green Mountain you'll see Pilchuck loomin' bigger 'n a full moon in harvest time. We ain't more 'n two mile frum the river and a mile down stream is camp. Lost; hugh! you'r crazy!"

In this rebuke and homely philosophy I heard a message which has many times helped me out of a hard place. "Climb higher" if the light is dim where you are. If you are bewildered amid the shadows and growing a bit uneasy don't admit you're lost. Don't even think it. "Uh ain't never lost until 'uh begin to admit it." Here is without doubt the reason for many failures, and the answer to many a life problem.

You may have been caught in the swirl of life and carried a long way down the River of Doubt, but if you can crawl out and climb to the crest of the hill you will see out. A bit of confident prayer will encourage faith, and faith will find God "standing in the shadows keeping watch above his own."

"Uh ain't never lost until 'uh begin to admit it."

Looking Toward Porto Rico

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

As the hour approaches for my departure for Porto Rico I am looking forward with great anticipation knowing that the Family of **Defender** Readers are bearing the work up in prayer. What a challenge Porto Rico offers! As one catches the missionary vision of world evangelization everything else fades into insignificance. When a call is placed before us we must answer.

Dr. S. D. Gordon, that precious, idealistic philosopher, has told a beautiful little story in which he visualizes the Ascension of Christ into the Glory. He asks us to imagine Jesus on top of the mountain with the loyal five hundred. He visualizes heavy hearts and tear-stained faces as they bid the Christ farewell. Presently Jesus becomes enveloped in an aura of glory light. The distance between His feet and the ground widens and in breathless expectancy the group waves to Him a loving good-bye. The clouds are rolled together, like the pulling of a curtain, and Dr. Gordon asks us to imagine Christ lifted out of sight. Angelic visitors then approach Him making inquiry, as He enters the other side. They ask Him what kind of a program He left on earth for the accomplishment of His purposes. He answers that He left some fishermen, a tax collector, and a few others and told them to "Go." But an angelic messenger asks Jesus what if those people don't "Go?"

What if they go back to their fishing nets instead of becoming fishers of men? What if those believers in the twentieth century, bearing His name, don't go? What kind of a program has He to fall back upon as a last resort? He shakes His head in the negative and answers that He has no second choice; He has no other program to fall back upon. Those who bear His name simply must go. The Church is meant to be a "going concern."

The spirit of the **Defenders** and the pure Gospel Testimony must go to Porto Rico. We simply must go. Transportation has been arranged on the steamship *Barbara* which will sail from Baltimore. In the next **Defender** the exact sailing date, which will be early in November, will be announced.

Already "The Spanish **Defender**" has been established. The first issue was published in September. As to contents and construction the journal is very much like the parent **Defender**. It is being edited in the States and sent to Porto Rico to be translated, printed and mailed.

Consecrated and efficient native Christians have my itinerary in hand. The plan is that I shall tour the entire island. A few days ago I received a letter from J. R. Rodriguez, the prominent **Defender** in Porto Rico, in which he expressed alarm lest anything should interfere with my coming. He said everything was ready, that native preachers, evangelists and workers would all be at Manati for the first great Conference-

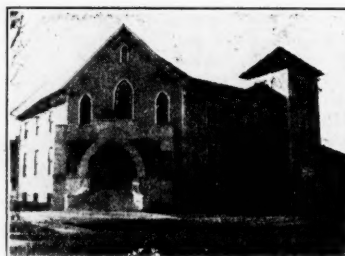
Revival, to stand with me in helping to precipitate a spiritual awakening. He says that **Defender** nerve-centers can be established far and wide. He also says, "Among the workers ready to cooperate with you in the establishment of the **Defenders' Testimony** in Porto Rico, the larger number are of Spanish blood, others are half-breeds, but some are even of Indian and African blood, but all belong to Christ. Please do not pass us up, Mr. Winrod. We need you so bad."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is as big as the whole world. If we are going with Christ we are going to the world. This is not a white man's Gospel. We need a new consciousness of the value of a soul. We need to look long and well at that tragic word LOST. Luke says that the one purpose of the coming of Christ was to save the LOST. Satan has clouded our thinking; we do not see the value of a soul as God sees it. Jesus said if you were to put the world on one side of the scales and a soul on the other that the soul would outweigh the world.

The loss of health is a tragedy; the loss of wealth is a great loss; the loss of the mind is a greater tragedy; the loss of character is a great loss, but these cannot be compared with the loss of the soul. Think of it! Souls are slipping out to

Christless graves forever. Think of a sunless day forever! Think of a long starless night forever! We must let no opportunity slip by during these

trying days which, if improved, might bring a soul to Christ. It is this consciousness which provides the great dynamic urge of the true church. We must not; we simply must not lose sight of the value of a soul.



Wichita Gospel Temple

Here is a lively center of evangelism this season. For three months there is to be a meeting every night. The alternating evangelists are Gerald B. Winrod, J. W. Winrod, George D. Blomgren, Lucius B. Compton, Edward Clutter and E. F. Webber. "Billy" Harris one time Grand Opera singer, has charge of the music. This building is also the center of a prosperous School called The National Bible College and School of Music. This school, headed by President Edward Clutter, teaches by correspondence as well as through a local faculty. Inquiries as to courses will reach Dr. Clutter through **The Defender**.

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Each in His Own Tongue

A fire-mist and a planet,
A crystal and a cell,
A jelly fish and a saurian,
And caves where cave-men dwell:
Then a sense of law and beauty,
And a face turned from the clod—
Some call it evolution,
And others call it God."
—William Herbert Carruth.

SOME CALL IT EVOLUTION

A mist and a fog and confusion,
A whirling process in space,
A concatenation of atoms,
That seemed to be running a race;
The acquirement of spiral motion,
As the molecules onward rush—
Some call it evolution,
And others call it MUSH.

Deep-sea ooze in fermentation,
Spontaneous generation of life;
The moneron and the amoeba,
And then the beginning of strife,
The mollusk and the megalosaurus,
When the crust of the earth had shrunk—
Some call it evolution,
And others call it BUNK.

Crude forms of ancient ascidian,
Of Polyp and brachiopod,
Articulates and radiates,
Creeping over the sod;
Then a soft-shell grew him a vertebra,
Where the waves of the ocean wash—
Some call it evolution,
And others call it BOSH.

Then some crawled out of the water,
And stood upon the shore;
They grew an auditory nerve,
To hear the ocean roar.
Some found their legs, some lost their tails
And wings were given some—
Some think it scientific,
And others call it BUM.

At last one cunning quadruped
Invented a new-style march;
Sent his forelegs on vacation,
And developed a cranial arch.
He climbed down out of the branches,
And built on a corner lot—
Some call it evolution,
And others call it ROT.

MEVLOUD

Mohammedans celebrate "Mevloud" each year, commemorating the birth of the False Prophet. "Mevloud" lasts 28 days. In Morocco this year, the most blood-curdling events took place. Dervishes stripped themselves to the waist, slashed themselves with knives, chewed glass till their mouths ran with bloody foam, swallowed strips of blinding cotton, ate molten wax, stuffed bits of bloody flesh in their mouths, etc., etc.

Spanish Kaleidoscopic Views

By Rev. F. David Sholin
Missionary to Spain

Spain! The Iberian Peninsula under the Phoenicians and Carthaginians six hundred years before Christ! Spain — at the time of Christ, a Roman Province, which St. Paul had had great desires to visit, as the message of Christ had reached there, establishing a Church nucleus. For two centuries under Visigoth rule, later becoming Saracen for a century and a half or more, Iberia succumbs to separatism and becomes eight petty kingdoms — Navarre, Castile, Leon, Aragon, Asturias, Cordova, Toledo, and Seville.

Romance figured in re-uniting when Aragon and Castile became one through the marriage of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella in 1479.

Mohammedan Arabs in Southern Spain were subjugated and treacherously dealt with, ushering in a power which later mothered the Inquisition, crushed out Protestantism and annihilated the Jews, who were then in the ascendancy.

By a casual financing of what seemed at that time to be a freak adventure of Columbus, Spain opened up a new world, and within a century reached her zenith, in the eyes of the whole world. The Spanish flag and the crucifix were carried and planted in remotest parts and in theretofore undreamed-of places.

In rapid succession came and went the Hapsburg princes, the war of the Spanish Succession, and the establishing of the Bourbon dynasty, which was to last until April 14, 1931. A line of royalty which runs back almost fourteen centuries, with the one successful attempt to establish that Republic of 1872, began to disintegrate when, through the blundering of King Alfonso XIII, a Commander, and 10,000 of his men were ambushed and slain by the Riffians near Anual in 1921, and with the approval of the King a Dictatorship took over the reigns of the government in 1923.

A strong Papal influence has been the outstanding feature of the Government, through many centuries, and recently has become a contributing factor in its downfall. "Vaulting ambition o'erleapt itself and fell on the other side."

Religious unity was realized by the stifling of every dissenting voice. In many places the children were taught to sing, "Away, away with the Protestants." Foreign missionaries were disrespected and insulted and with their children, persecuted. Missionary work in many towns was violently opposed. The "spiritual fathers" frequently were the leaders in tumultuous attacks against the persons of those who promulgated the Gospel. Secretaries, Mayors and Governors often contributed to the opposition of Evangelism.

Rev. Percy J. Buffard labored, and fainted not, for over twenty years in this hard field.

Rev. Oswald J. Smith providentially accepts Mr. Buffard's invitation to visit this field; the result — the Couriers' Bible Institute, with eight splendid young men in the first class. Three months' studies and later another three months' course.

Last month of school one of tense excitement: oncoming elections, King's stubborn attitude — what was Alfonso XIII going to do? Rumors, facts, suggestions, all strongly contingent upon result of elections. Elections! The glorious and awe-striking results! King Alfonso's celebrated auto-ride to Cartagena. All seems a dream.

Republican leaders from prison to presidency.

Liberty of Conscience one of the first things promised and temporarily granted. An unthought-of and there-to-fore "horrible" but NOW realistic (though most unbelievable) thing — the **COURIERS' BIBLE INSTITUTE STUDENTS — PROTESTANTS!** Actually head the Valdepenas manifestations! **Protestant** students carrying their own **REPUBLICAN BANNER** through the streets of Valdepenas; **Protestant STUDENT-EVANGELISTS** carrying a banner with the words, "**LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE.**" No, no dream! An **ACTUALITY!**

A transformation of Government from Monarchy to Republic, which becomes the admiration of the whole world. — A bloodless revolution! Remarkable calmness and efficiency characterize the new regime.

Gradual ascendancy for Couriers' Bible Institute! Next step higher — the laborers' public hall used for the **PROTESTANT BIBLE STUDENTS** to hold their closing ex-

ercises. Hall crowded! Message of Christ given fearlessly to hundreds who never had heard before.

Students leave Institute excited and enthused to go to their various fields of labor. From **everywhere** comes the call and demand for **PROTESTANT** to hold a meeting. Reports from student-evangelists most encouraging. Plazas, casinos, bull-rings, theatres and laborers' halls all are opened and offered for **PROTESTANT** meetings. Thousands crowding into these places to hear the Gospel. Speeches are interrupted with cheers, "Long live the Protestants!"

Caciques and priests interfere with a plaza-meeting. Law is defied; try to mob the evangelists. Holy Ghost wisdom and boldness manifest.

National elections! Daily papers full of party platforms and promises and political attitudes. Fearless articles express dissatisfaction with the Roman Catholic Church. The Roman clergy with high expectations of continuation of Roman rule in spite of all. The general public turns practically atheistic because of disgust with the Roman Church.

Cardinal Segura writes an encyclical letter which incites public animosities, and then leaves for Rome. Excitement stirs and anti-religious mob-fury vents itself in the burning of convents in various localities. Many

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THE SUPREME PHILOSOPHY INSPIRATIONAL NUGGETS

Man is the Crowning Work of Creation; . . . The Masterpiece of the Infinite; . . . With a Soul as big as an Empire; . . . And with the Equipment of a God; . . . Built to be a Citizen of the Universe Forever; . . . As the Pal and Partner of the Creator; . . . In His Stupendous Program of developing and unfolding the Universe Forever.

By Dean C. Dutton, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



THREE TREMENDOUS CONCLUDING CONSIDERATIONS

First—What is the Ultimate Man?

Second—What is Heaven?

Third—What is Death?

First—The Ultimate Man.

To one who would know as far as possible final consummations it is well to inquire how great man is finally to become.

In order that the Father might give us a little inkling as to this matter he has given us a few outstanding characters who have developed one talent to the nth degree.

In order that we might see how great a human intellect may become the Creator gave us Shakespeare. Away back there in the Elizabethan period there looms that peerless mind. He was the master of ten thousand words. He seems to have been raised up by our Creator for his father was a bankrupt butcher and his mother could neither read nor write.

In order that we might get a glimpse of a mighty musician He gave us Beethoven; That we might hear a singer sing as angels sing He gave us Jenny Lind. A pure, glorious, transparent soul—and O what a singer!

That we might see a great soul impassioned for service He gave us John Wesley;

In order that we might know the world's greatest hero He gave us Martin Luther;

That we might see a dreamer of cathedrals He gave us Michaelangelo;

That we might know a supreme artist He gave us Raphael;

That we might know a saint with red blood He gave us Phillips Brooks;

That we might know a man of seraphic eloquence He gave us Henry Ward Beecher;

That we might know a stately character He gave us Washington;

That we might know a man with a great heart He gave us Lincoln;

That we might observe the world's greatest inventor He gave us Edison;

That we might see the mighty power of a man who could juggle in nature He gave us Luther Burbank;

All of these characters were just as human as we are but with a wonderful development of talent along just one line. It seemed that the Creator wanted us to see just how great a talent might become.

The Ultimate Man to combine all this development in one.

Think now of one great personality who has had a complete development along all these lines—yet all in one personality.

Think of one personality with the intellect of a Shakespeare;

Develop this one personality in music equal to Beethoven;

Make this one personality as great as Jenny Lind in character and song;

Make this one as great as Wesley in service and as heroic as Luther;

Develop this one person to be a dreamer in cathedrals as was Michaelangelo;

Make this one person a Raphael in art; As saintly as Brooks;

As stately as Washington;

Give him as great a heart as had Lincoln; Make him as eloquent as Beecher;

As great an inventor as Edison, and As wonderful in developing fruits, flowers and grains as was Burbank;

I say combine all these in one and you have our picture of the Ultimate Man.

Some one says—"What! Is it possible for me to have a development of my life equal to all this?"

I certainly mean just that. That is but a human dream. What will the dream of the Creator be found to be? When man reaches these heights of development then he will have reached the point where he will have "reached unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ."

With such development he will be qualified as a citizen of the Universe and will make a great pal for the Creator in His stupendous plans to unfold and develop the Universe forever.

This is the Ultimate Man.

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Second—What is heaven?

Neither a summer resort nor a camp meeting. Some people think that Heaven is a sort of a summer resort where people gather to rest forever—a blessed place of doing nothing.

Others think it is in the form of a great camp meeting that will never break up, where the saved will sing and shout forever.

I cannot think that either view is correct. Do not misunderstand me. The Universe must have the atmosphere of a camp meeting. He says "Be ye holy, for I am holy." There can surely be no place for sin or a sinner. But the Universe is a practical workshop. There will be so many wonderfully interesting things to do that we will surely have glorious employment. Laws, forces will be under man's perfect command. The arduous will be forever excluded.

Heaven will first be life to the full. There must be a period of development. We are but at the beginning of the unfolding of our lives while in these bodies. About the first part of the program will be the complete unfolding of our talents and the completion of the development of our personalities.

A number of years ago I received a telegram that my mother was dead. Was that sad news to me? Was it a sad day? It was one of the greatest days of my

life. I knew that that day she had taken out her card to the Library of the Universe and had begun to read what she did not have a chance to read while in this world. The day my Mother died I know that she matriculated in the University of the Universe and began the education she did not have the chance to get in this world. I know that day she began her art and music. That day she walked out into God's gardens. How she did love flowers! How she used to grow them!

WHY PUT ON MOURNING for the GUESTS of GOD!

Heaven to me is life to the full—that is a complete development and unfolding of all our talents and powers and entering into our great Creator's plans in unfolding and developing the Universe forever.

For many years I held the idea that there was a general central clearing-house, gathering place where the throne room would be located; where we would see and meet the great; where we would have the great concerts and the like. But the coming of the Radio has utterly changed all that.

Radio is the only thing that has flung itself clear across the Universe. All other laws and inventions relate to the earth. Some time ago a great scientist stated that after years of investigation he was convinced that the whole Universe is one vast ocean of ether or a mysterious something upon whose wings light can cross the Universe.

We believe that where light can go radio can wirelessly go. Hence we believe that the setting is as perfect for inter-world radio as inter-city or international radio. Finally inter-world radio will be as practical as inter-city. We observe that man has a partial radio equipment. The eye is a wireless instrument. So is the ear. The voice carries by ether waves. With this beginning it is perfectly easy for me to believe that our resurrected bodies will have a perfect sending and receiving radio equipment.

When this shall have been accomplished as it surely will be I can readily think of a scene like this:

It is the dawn of God's eternal day. I hear the Universal announcer give the universal ring; it goes ringing — ringing — to the uttermost Galaxy of stars so that every creature hears.

The announcer says, "We will now begin the opening program for God's New Day. The first number to be sung will be by the angels of the Universe. They have decided to sing the song they sang to the shepherds of the hillsides of Galilee two thousand years ago."

"Glory to God in the highest — on Earth peace — good will toward men."

We can hear those voices ringing — ringing — (Turn to page 17.)

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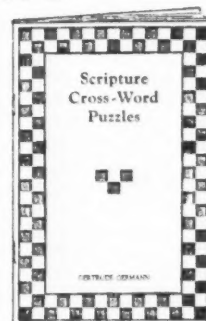
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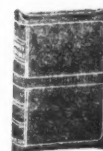
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THE COMING FINANCIAL OCTOPUS (Continued from page 1.)

finances of the world some months ago. It came like a thunder bolt from the blue. Like the flu plague in World War days, the depression swept over the whole earth as if by "presto-chango." From all parts of the world come press reports telling the same story. Back of this crash of world finances there is super-human intelligence. Strange, unseen forces are at work, moving steadily toward the ultimate creation of a money system never before dreamed of in human history. Financial matters will never be the same again. A revolution in world finance as extraordinary as the changes wrought by the World War will ultimately result. Like a flash the finances of the world were suddenly thrown into the melting-pot and out of this condition there is gradually, but certainly, emerging, one great central head which will eventually take the position of dominant power.

I predict that the day is not far removed when coins minted in Central Europe, stamped by the image of some modern Caesar, will have universal circulation. I predict an ultimate pooling of world finance among civilized nations which will finally result in cooperative banking to the point where a universal money standard will be set up, first among Western nations and later the Orient also. In this gigantic system, a World Bank will be the directing agency.

"666"

This is the chain-age. There are local chains of almost everything, each link being fastened to one hand up at the top which control the whole chain, whether it be newspapers, stores, radio stations churches or nations. Likewise, a chain of finance, controlled from one central head is inevitable. This huge Octopus will eventually have its long arms fastened throughout the world. The world will look at it and call it great, having already said with the Babel builders, "Let us make us a name." This system will be a great worldly achievement but prophetic students will smile knowingly and nod their heads when they see it. They will know something of the intelligence at work behind the scenes, which was capable of producing it. THEY WILL KNOW THAT THE STAGE IS SIMPLY BEING SET FOR THE COMING OF OLD "666."

The World's Man is coming. He will be the Antichrist. Of him John said, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six." Revelation 13:16-18. Paul calls this personage the "Man of Sin." His personality and characteristics are described in detail by a compilation of Scriptural evidence. He, Satan's Christ, a master Workman in the demonstration of demon power, is coming. He will some day take the chair at the head of a world banking system. Events are heading up in that direction. It will then be necessary to do business under his trade-mark.

Birkenhead's Prophecy

I submit that careful observers of current events, statesmen, journalists, scientists and

students of political science, see a movement in the world right now which promises to bring about this very condition of One-Man-Power. There is a cry everywhere for a Superman to arise and bring cosmos out of chaos. Bible students possessing prophetic intuition understand the Satanic genius behind this trend.

In 1930 Britain's Earl of Birkenhead wrote an amazing book entitled "The World in 2030." He speculates as to what conditions will be 100 years hence. He draws upon science, politics, art, finance, philosophy, invention, knowledge of war, social conditions, but places supreme emphasis upon industrialism. HE PREDICTS THE COMING OF AN INDUSTRIAL MONARCH BY 2030 WHO WILL BE A DICTATOR OF THE WORLD.

In describing the role of his Industrial Monarch, Birkenhead did not know that he was drawing a perfect picture of the Antichrist. On page 98 Birkenhead says, "So intimately is the history of civilization bound up with the expression of gigantic personalities, that a single individual may arise in Europe or America to reshape the mould of life before 2030 . . . A mad dictator, jealous of Western progress, may precipitate a war, which will finally burn up Western civilization, so that coming generations in China and New Zealand will know it for no more than a memory and a name. But against this peril I pin my faith upon the genius of the Anglo-Saxon race."

Financial Chaos

The Bank of International Settlements was established primarily as a medium through which war debts between nations could be paid, but already its influence has extended beyond these narrow bounds. Through various avenues it is already tied in with financial agencies throughout the Western world. For instance, Mr. Albert Henry Wiggan, board chairman of the Chase National Bank, "biggest bank in the world," is a United States member of the B. I. S. (Bank of International Settlements.)

Germany is suffering most from the present upheaval. France has seemingly profited most. President Hoover did a noble thing in impressing upon the nations the plan of suspending all war debt payments for one year. England, Italy, Germany and other

nations responded, but France was reluctant. The President sent his Cabinet men, Stimson and Mellon abroad; European countries saw again what excellent diplomats grow on this side of the water. Germany's Foreign Minister Curtius said, "What Andrew Mellon did is simply grandiose. To think that this fine old gentleman . . ."

France was pretty gruff and active in putting the screws down on Germany until she saw that she was overstepping because a Red shadow from Russia began to spread itself over the German map. German Communism would never do so near French borders! A revolution in Germany might result in Bolshevism. But what is even worse is the growing power of German Fascism under the leadership of Adolf Hitler, Germany's Mussolini, who utterly repudiates all German war debts. He says that if he takes the helm in Germany he will not pay another dollar on debts incurred by the war. Should Von Hindenburg's government fall, Hitler might be swept into power and that would mean that France would be unable to collect, a situation would thus be created that would certainly produce war. So France began to soften and listen to Quaker Hoover.

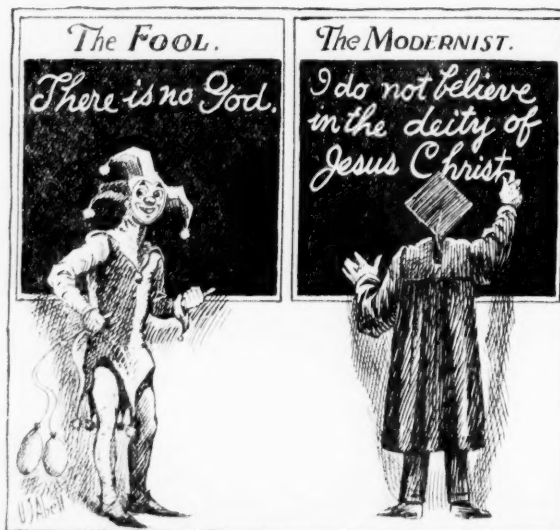
During all the recent financial squabbles the President has been within reach of a long distance telephone connecting him with his Cabinet Secretaries in Europe. Once he asked 76-year-old Secretary Mellon if he were tired because of his strenuous diplomatic work, to which Mr. Mellon answered, "No, I find it rather good fun."

The United States is suffering perhaps as little from the crash as any country but at that the 1931 fiscal year report shows we have sustained a deficit of \$903,000,000 during the twelve months just closed. This is the first year since the war that expenditures have exceeded receipts.

The situation is likewise acute in England. In three recent weeks \$160,000,000 in gold has been drawn from the vaults of "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street" — the Bank of England. The Bank of New York and the Bank of France united a few days ago in loaning the Bank of England \$243,000,000. This is the first time in years that England's proud, prosperous, conservative, Bank has had to borrow.

In Germany, all banks were closed for a

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time by government orders in a frantic effort to keep them alive.

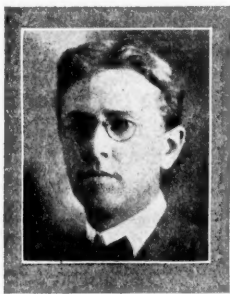
These abnormal circumstances are referred to in order to show that the necessity of reorganizing the world's finance has already been thrust upon civilization.

The Ark

These are trying days in which we are living. Powerful forces are at work. The nations are upset. There is urgent need of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all true believers. As Noah escaped the storm by entering the Ark, likewise we have a place of refuge, an Ark of safety — and that Ark is Christ. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Psalms 91:1.

(Note: To increase the circulation of the above article it has been published in tract form. It is so important that it should have wide distribution. Price, three copies 5 cents; one dozen 15 cents; one hundred \$1.00.)

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Keith L. Brooks

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BRISBANE

Arthur Brisbane, popular Hearst news writer, who is often mistaken, says, "Gandhi, speaking as the voice of 'India's dumb millions,' is gentle and ingratiating. He asks 'freedom for India, but for India as a valued partner of Great Britain, not held by force, but by the silken cord of love.' Nice words, but the silken cord of love is easily snapped, and Gandhi, with Hindu gentleness has laid down an ultimatum to the British. If he goes back with a British answer unsatisfactory to his followers, blood will flow, and a great deal of it. On the other hand, if the British say to India, which is unthinkable, 'Go in peace and do as you please,' conditions in a month will be ten thousand times worse than they are now and still worse every month thereafter."

MUSSOLINI

Italy's "superman" continues to startle the world by his dare-devil stunts.

He persists in his hatred for the Pope. No other man has ever got by with such an anti-Pope program. Roman Catholics everywhere regarded Mussolini as a friend when he granted the Church a temporal kingdom by giving it the Vatican City. No longer was the Pope to be a prisoner. But, in these columns, we expressed the opinion at the time, that wise Benito knew what he was doing, that he had something in "the back part of his brain" and a trick up his sleeve.

His strategy was clever. He automatically isolated the Pope by giving him a kingdom. Henceforth said the dictator, "Mr. Pope, as far as Italian politics goes, you are a foreign power." Mussolini's game was to untangle the Church from Italian government, virtually separating Church and State, a heart-breaking procedure for Roman Catholicism. He out-witted the Pope. He seemed to be giving the Church what it wanted, but it stepped squarely into his trap. No sooner was the ink dry on the treaty than he began his plan of taking the Church out of politics. Beyond question, Mussolini is the greatest living enemy of the Roman Catholic Church!

Revelation seventeen makes it clear, according to many Bible students, that the coming Antichrist monarch will utterly destroy the Roman Church. The Church is portrayed as a vicious woman, in this chapter, and we read that the Antichrist "shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."

Is Mussolini that man? Or, is he the harbinger of another who will follow?

ALFONSO

It looks like ex-king Alfonso of Spain has just about arrived where he is going. A charge of high treason has been made against him by the new Spanish government and the penalty is "perpetual exile." It is expected that the exile ban will be extended to include all other members of the royal family.

Have You Thought?

—A Sermon Outline For The Busy Pastor—

By Rev. Charles C. Karraker

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Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these things."

1. Have you thought of what there is in life for you; of the great Creator's purpose in bringing you into the world?

"Know ye that Jehovah, he is God. It is he that hath made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."—Psalms 100:3.

2. Have you thought you are traveling to the great beyond; that some day you will come to that bridge which will transport you as you have lived; that you are standing on the borders of an awful gulf, which is swallowing up all things human and in its universal wreck there is nothing left to which you can cling?

"At the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus; who shall suffer the punishment even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord."—II Thessalonians 1:7-9.

3. Have you thought that you will die as you have lived; that you will be rewarded accordingly; that as death finds you, so will the judgment?

"And inasmuch as it is appointed unto man once to die, and after his cometh judgment."—Hebrews 9:27.

4. Have you thought of the word of God as your guide upon earth to heaven?

"Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."—II Timothy 3:16-17.

5. Have you thought of the good to be derived from a daily reading of the Bible? It makes us better men and women.

"Ye search the scriptures, because in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they bear witness of me."—John 5:39.

"In that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so."—Acts 17:11.

6. Have you thought of how little God exacts of us in comparison with what He promises?

"Whereby he hath granted unto us, his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these we might be partakers of the divine nature."—II Peter 1:4.

7. Have you thought of the peace and happiness of the Christian life?

"For the Kingdom of heaven is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."—Romans 14:17.

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self control; against such there is no law."—Galatians 5:22-23.

8. Have you thought of God's great love for you?

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son."—John 3:16. "Yea, I have loved thee with everlasting love."—Jeremiah 31:3.

9. Knowing that God demands of us the best that is in us; that God wants us to live as He has directed in His Word, and die the death of the righteous; knowing that we are to be judged by His word, will you not be persuaded to live by its teachings?

"Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."—Revelation 22:14.

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DO YOU know that certain leaders of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America are in sympathy with Soviet Russia — the nation that has denied God?

Do you know what encouragement the controlling group of the Federal Council gives the agitators who daily preach anti-religion, anti-government and the Third International?

Why have certain Federal Council leaders opposed the deportation of aliens known to be criminals?

Is it an honest desire for peace or some sinister ambition that is prompting the movement to disarm the United States while Russia is encouraged to maintain the largest standing army in history? Why did the Federal Council refuse to disclose the names of the contributors to its huge fund?

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—A Preachment—

By Rev. J. R. Baker, Pastor
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The text comprises but a single word "Afterward." Afterward means subsequently or at a later date or time. Standing alone the word is meaningless, but coupled up with certain other words it is meaningful. It is used in the text in connection with Esau's selling his birthright to Jacob for a mess of pottage.

To clearly understand the meaning of the word we must remind ourselves of three familiar things — First, that before we perform any act we deliberate on the nature of the act — whether it is right or wrong and whether we should or should not perform it. This period of deliberation we will call the period of Before. Second, that having deliberated upon the nature of the act and having decided to perform the act we perform the act. This period of action we will call the Then. Third, that having deliberated and having performed the act the record of our deliberation and action is inscribed upon the sensitive tablets of our memories. The period during which the record endures we will call Afterwards.

The period of deliberation before the performance of an act may be long or short. It is the period in which the baser self strives with the better self for mastery. It is the period in which the Holy One strives with the Evil One for possession.

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SPANISH KALEIDOSCOPIC VIEWS

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Simon, the Black Cross-Bearer

By Rev. Titus Johnson
Missionary to the Belgian Congo

The black man is mentioned many times in the Bible and has a large place in the unfolding of God's plan. Men with black skins are also precious to the heart of the Heavenly Father.



The first Bible reference to which I call attention is the circumstance of Noah and his son Ham. Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth. These three boys became the progenitors of the human race after the Flood. From history we learn that we, the white race, descended from Japheth; from Shem came many of the old empires and all Jewish and Arabian peoples; from Ham the black race came.

In the course of events during the reconstruction period following the Flood we recall how Noah put a curse upon him. It is remarkable that Noah disgraced himself by getting drunk the first day after he came out of the Ark. The curse that Noah pronounced upon Ham meant that this particular son, and his descendants, were to be servants of his brothers and their descendants. Noah said, "A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren."

As far as we know from history there is only one race that has ever been subjected to permanent slavery — the Hamites, the black people of the earth. There is hardly a nation whose hand has not been tainted by the innocent blood of these servant peoples. But even in this we see God's magic in turning evil into good, and curse into blessing. These poor people have been forced to learn the great law of service. Because the curse made them servants they are to be found in the best homes and most important places all over the earth. Service has given them opportunities and brought them into places they never would have otherwise reached. Service always brings reward and blessing. Jesus said, "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Do you realize that the President of the United States is great only because he renders a great service? Man is not great in himself, but it is his position of service that makes him great.

Going further over in the Bible we find that Moses had a black wife. Numbers 12:1 says, "And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married." God did not punish Moses for taking the black woman, but the punishment went upon those who slandered him.

The thought of Ham and Africa are always linked together in the Bible. Poetically, the word "Ham" denotes Africa as we read in Psalms 78:51 and 105:23, 27.

The large place that the word "Ethiopia" occupies in the Bible tells us how much God thinks about these poor, down-trodden people. Cush was the name of a descendant of Ham and the name Ethiopia is derived from the name Cush. Isaiah says that the colored races, evidently of east Africa, were tall, of large physical proportions. Thank God we have the promise in Psalms 68:31, "Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her

hands unto God." This prophecy was literally fulfilled when the Ethiopian eunuch was converted to the Gospel as recorded in Acts 8:26-40. This meant that the black people heard the Gospel by a special miracle; our Lord was interested in them. As a result of that eunuch hearing the message from Philip, the true Gospel was taken into Abyssinia, a realm which is today at least nominally Christian.

Did you know that the man who carried the Cross of Christ to Golgotha was a black man? Let me prove it to you. Let us turn to the Gospel of Mark 15:21-22, "And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull."

In the first place, Simon came from Cyrene, a place on the northern coast of Africa. This territory was originally populated with black people.

In the second place, Simon could not have been a Jew because no Jew would have carried a cross, for to them it was a sign of a curse, a disgrace, a thing of shame. The cross was a Roman, gentile tool of death.

In the third place, Mark, who wrote this Gospel, was a fellow laborer with Paul. When Paul was in Rome writing to the Colossians and Philemon, Mark was with him sending greetings. When Paul wrote to the Romans he said, "Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord." Mark wrote his Gospel in Rome and in establishing the identity of Simon, was careful to say that Simon was the father of Rufus, who was there with them in Rome at the time. Now, turn with me to Acts 13:1 and we find Simon mentioned again and here he is called "Niger," which means black. We get the vulgar and obnoxious word "nigger" from Niger. In vulgar and improper language, it would be "Simon, the nigger." All things considered, these references point to one fact, that Simon, who carried the cross of Jesus Christ to Calvary, had a black skin.

Moses represents Law. His black wife links the black race to the Law. Jesus represents Grace. His black servant links the black race to Grace. As the wife of Moses bore the reproach of the people, it is to be expected that her race should be the first to share the glory of the cross. Is it unlikely to suppose that Simon was the first convert to the cross with a real understanding of its meaning?

What a regret that there is no record of the conversation which took place between Simon and Christ! This is the only time that Christ had an actual physical need which He could not Himself meet. He had to have help, and one bearing Noah's curse was there.

Jesus completely collapsed on the road to Calvary. In Mark 15:20 it says they "led him out to crucify him." Verse 22 says, "they bring him" and the word "bring" in the original also means "to carry." Something happened between verses 21 and 22 which made it necessary for Jesus to be "carried" — a collapse.

At this point, by chance, Simon came passing by. He was compelled to carry the cross as the Roman soldiers recognized him immediately as being a servant. Would the Christ Whose one look crushed Peter, Who spoke peace to the dying thief — would He let a service like that rendered by Simon pass without reward? How Simon must have been stirred as he looked into that beautiful face and those tender eyes! There must have been a conversation. No doubt Jesus explained the meaning of the cross to Simon and no doubt Simon asked the Christ to save his black people. No wonder Mark and Paul speak reverently and kindly of Simon and his sons Alexander and Rufus. How tenderly Paul tells the Roman church to "salute Rufus and his mother" which Paul also affectionately calls "mine." Does not that little word "mine" show real hospitality and tender consideration?

Yes, through the centuries the black man has been faithful in carrying the message of the cross. It is a matter of Church history that one of the greatest church fathers was a black man. Mungo Park, an English traveler far inland in western Africa, came upon a tribe nearly one hundred years ago which had been shut off from the outside world for centuries and still he found them using crosses in their heathen ceremonies. Where did they get this sign of the cross? They must have been preached to some time in the far off past. A missionary friend of mine told me that he himself had seen the "ceremony of sanctification" conducted by a heathen witch-doctor who sanctified the spears of the soldiers by putting them in a heap and sprinkling water on them before going into battle. Then the witch-doctor had all the warriors sit in a circle and he broke bread-dough into pieces, giving each one a nibble, after which each was given a sip of beer. This looks like a heathen perversion of the Christian communion table.

Out in dark Africa I have seen many black-skinned Christian converts who are faithfully carrying the cross to others. Space does not permit me to tell of the many glorious achievements to which I could bear witness where heroic cross-bearing is being done by darkened souls who have had the light of the Gospel brought to them. O friends, the black man is precious to the heart of our Christ Who tells us to take the "good news" to "EVERY CREATURE."



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ANSWERING A KANSAS JUDGE IN
THE MATTER OF EVOLUTION

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do that than he would preach in assertion of an everlasting hell of fire as the fate of sinners.

2. There is not one of them who, if called upon to talk about the time creation took, but would hide behind the subterfuge that days meant long periods of time, utterly ignoring however the passages, — "And God said let there be light. And God called the light day and the darkness he called night, and the evening and the morning were the first day."

The letter concluded thus, — "The idea of cherishing the story of a six days creation and giving it the sanction of a divine revelation and the authority of a penal law, after spending millions of dollars to teach its untruth, and after everybody of intelligence has rejected it as a childish fable, is not only paradoxical, but a humiliating fact of human psychology."

The opposition of Evolution to Creation, is sufficient proof that the term fable has little reference to the six days, but that what was really called a "childish fable" was the declaration that — "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

I take exception to what the Judge called a "subterfuge." I deny that it is an evasion of the truth, which is what that term means, to claim that the days of creation were long periods of time. I repel that aspersion for the following reasons:

First, that not one of the first four days — not even the fourth — were solar days of twenty-four hours. This was recognized as a fact by the forerunners of evolutionary unbelievers, who never tired of demanding how there could have been light before there was a sun.

Secondly. That many students of this question whose reputation as scientist was as good as that of any living scientist, did not hide behind any subterfuge, but openly taught, and demonstrated, that the days of Creation were undefined periods of long duration.

The first I name is that master of geological description, the Scotch self-taught geologist Hugh Miller, who in his work, "The Testimony of the Rocks," incontrovertibly showed that the Days of the Mosaic Record were long periods. The next is the great Canadian geologist, Sir William Dawson whom the scientists of the British Association made president of that Association's first meeting in Canada. In his work, "The Creation of the World," Sir William taught that those days were long periods. More than that, he named in it several distinguished scientists who held the same opinion, among them Curvier and Jameson. Another I name as authority, though not a professional scientist, W. E. Gladstone, taught the same in his "Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture," and his judgment upon the meaning of words and evidence had such weight that the then champion of Evolution thought it necessary to oppose some of the arguments of that work, but it is noticeable that Huxley made no objection to the explanation that days in Genesis indicated long periods. The names of many other prominent scientists who have found harmony between Genesis and true science could be presented.

Since Dr. Arnold Guyot was professor of Geology in the College of New Jersey and a member of several scientific associations, he

must be accepted as a reputable scientist. He also taught that the days were periods. In his work "Creation," Professor Guyot said that in the account of Creation the Hebrew word "Yom" rendered "Day" in our English version is read in the two first chapters of Genesis in five different senses.

But there was still another sense in which the word was used. We read that on the seventh day God rested from His work of Creation. That day also was clearly a period. It had no evening. It continues still and will not end until the great Creator resumes His work, perhaps shortly, to call into existence the new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

The facts cited clearly prove that the word day must be taken, as the scholars and scientists named taught, as specifying a long period of time, by every reader of the account of Creation in Genesis, whether he accepts it as a true history, or whether he rejects it.

I agree also that many preachers desire to stand well with intelligent people, whom the letter apparently identifies with believers of Evolution; for the published sermons of modernist preachers evince as little belief in the doctrine of Creation as of other vital articles of the Apostles' Creed. With what was asserted respecting the opinions and teaching of scientists, I fully agree. Just where a dividing line could be drawn between reputable scientists who presumably teach in universities, and teachers of the same subjects in colleges and high schools who do not rank so high, I do not know, but I am persuaded that with few exceptions they also repudiate the Biblical history of Creation.

But the most important assertion in the letter was made in its last paragraph. Though expressed in guarded language, it makes a terrible charge against all Church members. In substance it states that while pretending to believe the story of Creation, they are doing all they can to prove it to be false. They give undeniable proof of their determination to do so, by paying millions of dollars to get it done.

Those millions of dollars are mainly paid to the teachers of Evolution in high schools and state colleges. Besides this, many Church members voluntarily contribute large sums to Church colleges where the same destructive teaching is carried on with the sanction of the Church staff. And worst of all, this indictment is true.

If Church statistics are reliable, Church members are still a majority of public voters. Therefore if they wish, they can stop the teaching of Evolution in tax-supported schools in many states as effectively as it was in Tennessee.

Judge Doster says many ministers are too ashamed of the fable of Creation to preach

it. The International Sunday School Lessons give practically the same answer. They pretend to teach the Scripture, yet they scarcely notice Creation. They do not allow it the place given to it in the Word of God. When the course turns back to the Old Testament, it begins with Abraham. All before that including Creation, the Fall and the Flood, are boycotted. And all this due to the inroad of Evolution into the Church.

But at last the conscience of the Church is stirred. Collections are falling off. This is serious, and even vital. The great Methodist Episcopal Church confesses an annual loss to its pretentious World Service fund counted in millions. It no longer holds the first place in number of members in the list of Protestant bodies. For two or three years its loss of members has been many tens of thousands. The loss in its Sunday Schools is far greater. These conditions are not peculiar to Methodism nor to this country. Similar reports come from England, where Darwin, Spencer, and Huxley lived and taught. The great Established Church of that country whose ministers are not dependent upon the collection box for their living, reports a great falling off in candidates for ordination to the ministry; so great that the press reports a few weeks ago, stated that a plan was suggested for utilizing the automobile so that the same minister could serve two or more parish churches, instead of one as heretofore. We have been told that the Church has depended for several years for most of its new members, upon the Sunday School. Now that source is rapidly drying up. The total loss in Sunday School attendance amounts to hundreds of thousands. The cause is plain to everyone but the wilfully blind. The more thoughtful of the boys and girls who absorb the teaching during five days of the week, of teachers who have rejected the history of Creation as a childish fable, have lost interest in the Book which gives it the first place in its teaching. They do not attend Sunday School, and later will not be found in the Church. The millions spent to teach Evolution have not been spent in vain; and this is only the beginning. The harvest is yet to come. The most prominent living evolutionist, Sir Arthur Keith, who said in his capacity of the British Association that Darwinism had triumphed, stated not long since, in the London Daily News, that; — "God was a name for the mechanical process of reproduction and development, and that now is immortal only as matter is immortal, by transmitting his attributes endlessly down the ages to his descendants." I commend this authoritative explanation of the final result of holding Evolution to the numerous Church members who call themselves theistic evolutionists.

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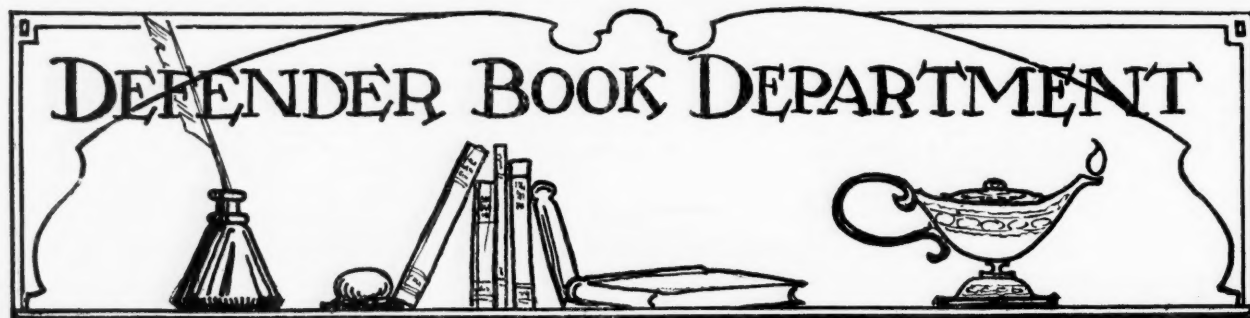
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Dr. Johnson is president of Lincoln University. Five thought-provoking lectures are herein presented, together with a department under References and Notes, and (Turn to page 15.)

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a careful Index. These addresses were delivered during 1930-31, to the Princeton Theological Seminary on the L. P. Stone Foundation. Humanism is a comparatively new word. On the whole, viewing it from the standpoint of evangelical Christianity, it is in rather bad repute. In this treatise it seems that Dr. Johnson is making noble attempt to Christianize it. Humanists are generally scholastics who repudiate the supernatural and in the name of science dissociate man from the spiritual and supernatural. The Humanist usually thinks of the universe as being only a huge machine of which man is but a small, broken cog. Stated succinctly Dr. Johnson quotes W. A. Brown as follows: "The Humanist feels that he does not need God because he can get on by himself. And it is modern science that has made him feel as he does." But Dr. Johnson says, "Humanists of the other school following more closely the literary and philosophic traditions, emphasize the dualism between good and evil, between man and nature and between man and God. They are not unfriendly to the supernatural as a complement to the natural and as an inspiration in the spheres of art and morality." The author finally sums his argument up in these words, "We must choose between supernaturalism and naturalism; between a supernaturalism in revelation, in history and in redemption, and a naturalism, in theory and ultimately in practice, and a naturalism of a very poor sort."

Every page of this book fairly glistens with statements dealing with great scientific and philosophical problems. The writer goes deep and yet keeps his terminology sufficiently simple that the popular mind can grasp his thoughts. One feels as he peruses these pages that he is in a library rather than a book. The dogmatic Humanist who has been betrayed by the materialistic naturalism of the day owes it to himself to study this treatise. Here is a book that will appeal to the highest and best of philosophic thought. We hope for it a wide circulation among ministers, college men and students.

"WILL AMERICA BECOME CATHOLIC?" By John F. Moore. Published by Harper & Brothers. Price \$2.00. 252 pages.

This is indeed a striking title. The author has set out to answer the following questions: "To what extent does Papal power control American life?" "Will Catholic domination of our large cities continue?" "Is birth control widely practised among Catholics?" "Is the Papal Delegate an Unofficial Ambassador?" "Are the Negro people being converted to Rome?" "Are Catholic census figures correct?" "Can mixed-marriages be tolerated?" "Can a celibate clergy endure?"

The writer assures us in his Foreword that he is a Protestant. He assures us that his purpose "is not propaganda." However, we find him saying, "I trust that this book will allay a certain fear of Roman Catholics which has troubled many Protestants." He appeals for "brotherhood and peace." He confesses, "I have used material chiefly drawn from Roman Catholic sources." We wonder how deep was his access into the inner workings of the secret hierarchy. To say the least he is very generous to the Roman Catholic Church. He finds no danger and seemingly no deliberate effort on the part of Catholics to gain control of America's institutions. Needless to say his conclusions will not be shared by a great many students of this question. Such phrases as this leads one to wonder if he has not embraced Catholicism in spirit, if not in membership. . . . deeply impressed as we must be by the marvelous growth of Cathol-

cism since the days of Peter, an even greater marvel is the growth of Protestantism. . . . Does the writer actually believe that the Roman Catholic Church began with Peter?

Notwithstanding, there is a wealth of material in this volume. The statistics quoted with reference to the various religious bodies of the world reveal that the author has read widely and studied profoundly. The comprehensive index is an admirable feature. To say the least we have before us a valuable compilation of heretofore unpublished data.

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ANSWERING A KANSAS JUDGE IN THE MATTER OF EVOLUTION

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The sin of Israel which the Lord would not pardon was the sacrifice of their children to Baal. But that extended only to this life. Christian parents, more inhuman than they, expose, and even risk the eternal interests of their children to the modern Baal of Education, when they deliver them to the priests of Evolution to be instructed and established in the fundamental principles of Atheism. The Lord Jesus Christ said that it were better for the man who should cause one of his little ones to stumble that he should be cast into the depths of the sea with a millstone hung to his neck.

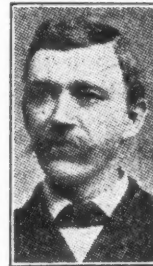
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Thinking Things Through

By Rev. W. A. Ayres

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VI. Smelling



Rev. W. A. Ayres

For seeing we have the optic nerve, for feeling the sentient nerves, for hearing the auditory nerve and for smelling we have the olfactory nerve. For feeling we have touch, for seeing we have waves of light, for hearing we have the vibration of the air; how can we smell? Only by particles from various objects coming in contact with our olfactory

nerves located in our nostrils. Everything you can smell gives off some particles with a characteristic odor. The rose gives one kind of particle, and the honey-suckle another different one, and so all around. The same kind of object always gives off the same kind of particles, so we can tell the thing we smell, even when we do not see it. Yet this all has to be learned from our birth. What a lot we learn through our nose! But the same through ear and eye.

The particles given off from objects that enable us to smell them are exceeding fine. And the sensitiveness of the olfactory nerves in perceiving them must be marvelous, almost unbelievable. An ounce of musk after giving off its odor for years, will still weigh the same. Of course it must be some lighter, but we haven't the scales fine enough to detect the loss. Yet it could have been smelt by different people every day and moment for all the years. This makes the sense of smell almost a miracle. God's greatness seems more and more infinite in His creating all objects with the property of giving off these particles, and making man's sense so delicate and sensitive as to enable him to perceive these particles, or odors. Even a man's nose should tell him there is a God!

This sense of smell, as the other senses, has two objects especially, to warn us of danger and things unhealthy. Who has never smelt of a bottle to learn what was in it, and who doesn't flee when he smells a skunk? And yet how many beautiful odors and perfumes that delight us! Nearly every one scents their handkerchief or clothes with some perfume. The Bible speaks of our thoughts, words and deeds as having smell. This is a figurative way. Such may be a stench or a sweet smell to God. Shirley says:

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The Millennial Controversy

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(Editor's Note: The following extemporaneous address was delivered recently by the Rev. Mr. Smith in Chicago, and stenographically reported. It was at the same time broadcast by radio.)

"The First"

If there is a post-millennialist here or one listening in over the air; if there is a man who does not believe in the return of the Lord Jesus Christ and has no faith whatever in the establishment of the millennial kingdom, I want to say that I can take him to a passage that will be impossible of interpretation apart from the great millennial teaching of the return of the Lord Jesus. It is in Acts the fifteenth chapter, verses fourteen to sixteen. You have read these verses many a time, but you have never seen — if you are not a pre-millennialist — the clear, unmistakable teaching of God's Word concerning the future. Here you have God's program; here you have God's plan; here you have God's design for the present age and also for the next. Now, listen as I read and comment:

"Simeon hath declared how God at the FIRST." Now, pay attention to that word "first." First means first, not second. What God did first, not next. "At the first." At the beginning of the Christian era, at the commencement of the church age. "God at the first did visit the Gentiles." What for? "Well," the post-millennialist answers, "to Christianize them." No, sir: "Well, then, to save them." No, Sir. "Well, in order that the nations of the world might become Christian." No! Then why did God visit the Gentiles? Let us not speculate; let us not use vain philosophy, but let us take God's Word at its face value. Listen to what God says and believe Him: "God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them" — and the Greek word there means to take "out from among" them; not to take them all, but to take out from among them — "a people for His name." Now, that is the first fact. That is clear. That cannot be misunderstood. "God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name."

God is not sending missionaries to Africa today to Christianize Africa. If you have thought so, then you have not known your Bible. God is not sending missionaries today to China to Christianize China. God is not sending missionaries today to South America to Christianize South America. God is not having the Gospel preached in Chicago today to Christianize Chicago; and God is not raising up an army of American evangelists today to Christianize America. That is not God's plan. That is not His design. And if that is your vision and objective, then you will be the most pessimistic person in the world, because you are attempting something that God Himself says is absolutely impossible.

Now, what is God's plan? This: God is sending missionaries today to the Chinese to take "out from among" the Chinese a people for His name. A company of believers gathered from among the Chinese by the Holy Ghost, a man here, and a man there; a woman here and a woman there; a boy here and a girl there, is His plan. Thus God is gathering out from among the Chinese "a people for His name." Let me tell you, God is not failing; He is not failing in His purpose. He is gathering out in China "a people for His name," and they are there now, and He is getting more all the time; He is adding to the number. And God is sending missionaries to Africa, not to save the

Africans, but to save a number of Africans, who, responding to the Message, will be gathered out from among the great mass, "a people for His name." God has this Tabernacle here in Chicago, not for the purpose of saving Chicago, because God's plan is not to save Chicago, but in order to gather out from among the people of Chicago "a people for His Name." And, thank God, He is getting them. He has some of them here right now, and He is getting them everywhere, "a people for His Name." You will find them everywhere you go. In every town, and in every country-side, and every community, and every city, and every village in America, you will find "a people for His Name." Perhaps only a few, but you will find some every where, those whom God has already gathered out. That is what He



Oswald J. Smith

is doing at the present time. That is His program, so far as the Gentiles and this age are concerned.

"After This"

Now, let us come back to this verse and read the rest of it. Let us read again what I read: "God at the first (that is, the beginning of the Christian era and right on through) did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written." Acts 15:14-16. Scripture does not contradict Scripture. The prophets were in agreement with this statement in Acts. Now, here it is, from the prophets, quoted in verse sixteen: "After this." Now, "after" does not mean "before," and "after" does not mean "at the same time," but "after" means "after" and God's Word is to be relied upon. Not during the present dispensation, not at the present time, not while He is visiting the Gentiles, but, listen now and get God's program: "After this." After He gets His company out of China; after He gets His people out of Africa; after He gets them out of South America; after He gets His own out of Chicago; after He gets His little flock out of America and out of Great Britain, and out of the other countries and nations of the world. "After this." After He is through with the Gentile nations; after He has completed this program.

"After this," what next? "I WILL RETURN." Isn't that plain? Isn't that clear? Isn't that unmistakable? "I will return." There it is in the fifteenth chapter; read it for yourself. He will return. He will come back. He will reappear. He will be on this earth again. He will reign on the throne of His father David once more. He is still waiting and He is going to wait until the Holy Ghost, through His servants, has gathered out of the world, from among the Gentile nations, "a people for His name." But "after this," after that task has been completed, "I will return," He says. That is His own promise. That is His own Word. That is what He Himself has stated, that He would come back again, that He would return once more. He cannot return until His Church is completed. He cannot return until He has gathered His own from among the Gentile nations. But as soon as He does that, then, the next act in the drama is His own glorious return. "After this, I will return."

His Future Program

Now, what is He going to do after He gets back? "Oh, but," you say, "you are getting too far ahead." Ah, but I am glad He has revealed already what He is going to do when He comes. He has not made a "hit and miss" prediction. His promises are clear. We can know something of the future program and we are in darkness only because we will not read the Word. We are in ignorance only because we will not listen to the plain statements of Scripture. Now, this is what He tells us; this is His program:

First, He is going to gather a people out of the Gentile nations. He is doing that now. Second, He will return in person. Third, listen now, "and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up." Thank God for such a program! When He gets through with the Gentile nations, He is going to go back to the Jews. He is going to rebuild the throne of David, or the tabernacle of David; He is going to exalt that throne once more. The Jewish throne is going to be set on high. It has not been cast down forever. He is going to turn once more to His own, His ancient people, the Jews, and He is going to rebuild the throne of David and of Solomon, and for a thousand years He is going to reign in millennial splendor on that throne. That is God's program. That is God's plan. That is God's design. And if you and I know about it, then we are not going to "hit and miss." We are not going to wander about in the dark. We are going to get our feet on solid rock, and we are going to know where we are going and what we are doing.

Glorious Optimism or Sordid Pessimism

Now, my friends, I want to say that this program is the only ground for optimism. Let me tell you why. There is one fact that is sufficient in itself to take the ground from under the feet of the post-millennialist, and if the post-millennialist who is listening to me, either in radio-land or in this Tabernacle, will think of this one tremendous fact, he will become a pre-millennialist before he knows it. And this is the fact:

Do you know that there are more heathen in the world today than there were when Jesus Christ was here upon this earth? That there are more heathen in the world today than there were at the close of the apostolic age? That there are more heathen in the world today than there were one hundred years ago, when the church, under William Carey, launched her great modern missionary propaganda? Now, what does this mean? Why, that means that we are going backward. Making progress? No. Going back. We are not getting ahead. We

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are failing in our task. If, with all the missionary agencies at our disposal, the tens of thousands of missionaries in foreign lands and the enormous amount of missionary literature, and all our efforts as a church, if, in one hundred years of intensive missionary work, there are more heathen in the world today than there were when we started a century ago, we might as well recall our missionaries, give up the task and say, it is no use, we cannot Christianize the world, since there are more heathen babies being born in heathen homes today, than there are Christian converts being made in heathen lands. Say, if I were a post-millennialist I would be so pessimistic that you could not persuade me to preach again. I would have no hope.

I am told that Paul Rader's father was converted from post-millennialism to pre-millennialism as a result of facing this one fact. I am told that he, in the early days of his ministry, was a strong post-millennialist; that one day he awoke to the fact that there were more heathen in the world in his day than there were nearly a hundred years ago when missionary work commenced, and that he threw up his hands in despair, and said: "If this be true, then we are failing, we are losing ground, we are making no progress, and either something is wrong with our program and our work, or else there is something wrong with our doctrine!" And as a result of that discovery, he became a strong pre-millennialist. I want to say that that fact is sufficient to convince any man.

My friend, listen to me; If I believed that my work was to Christianize the world and Christianize society and Christianize the nations and Christianize Chicago and Christianize America and Christianize Africa — if I believed that that was my job, and realized, as I would have to realize, that I was making no progress, that there were more unsaved people in Chicago now than thirty years ago, and more heathen now than one hundred years ago — I would want to give up in despair. But that is not my job. That is not my task. That is not my work. That is not my program, because it is not God's plan. But this is my program: I am to preach the Gospel in Chicago, and I know I am going to get a few in Chicago who will accept the Message. I am to send missionaries out to Africa, India, China and Japan, and South America, and I know perfectly well before I send them, that they are never going to Christianize these nations, but I do know that they are going to gather out of these nations "a people for His name," and as they send back reports and say, "We have a little company here and there, and a church here and there," I am going to say, Praise God, the Holy Ghost is accomplishing the divine purpose, and I am going to be optimistic, for, my friends, I will know that God's program is succeeding, that God's plan is being carried out. All I have to do is to discover God's plan, all I have to do is to see God's program, and then do my work along the line of that program, along the line of that plan, for then I know I will be successful. But if I try to attain an objective that cannot be attained, I am going to be disappointed. Whereas, if I go in for an objective, that I can reach, then I am going to be satisfied and rejoice, because I know I am doing that which I started out to do.

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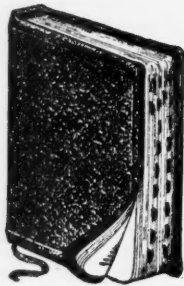
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